

Commission Nominations

Reference #	16263080
Status	Complete
Nominee First Name	P. Joseph
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Nominee Email Address	joseph.paturi@gmail.com
Highest Earned Degree	D.R.E, Ph.D
Institution at which the nominee serves (If Not Applicable, Enter N/A)	Transworld Ministries (currently)
Title / Institutional Role	President
Professional Service: Position, Organization, Years	I served as President, Vice President, Provost at Temple Baptist College, Cincinnati, Ohio. I am very familiar with TRACS Accreditation Process including IERs, Accreditation Requirements, Federal Requirements, various Standards and Evaluative Criteria. I am also familiar with institutional categories and levels of accreditation status. I served on about 50 TRACS Evaluation Team Visits as a Team Member and mainly as a Chair. I led 3 institutional self-study projects and 2 state reauthorization projects when I was serving as President of Temple Baptist College. I

have 49 years of combined experience in administration, accreditation process, ministry, business, scientific research, teaching and also as a Commissioner on TRACS Accreditation Commission as a Public Representative for the last 3 years.

Type of nomination	Public Representative
Verification of qualifications to serve	Yes
Verification of interest to serve	Yes
Your First Name	P. Joseph
Last Name	Paturi (self)
Email Address	joseph.paturi@gmail.com
Institution where you serve	Transworld Ministries
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Declaration of Qualification to Serve

This Declaration concerns individuals who are nominees to serve as members of the TRACS Accreditation Commission and is to be completed as a part of the nomination process.

Name of Nominee P. Joseph Paturi

General Qualifications

According to the TRACS *Bylaws* - Article 6, Section 2:

A Commissioner shall be a person who is a born-again believer, separated from worldliness, has a reputation and Christian character which is above reproach, is in accord with the philosophy and purpose of TRACS, is qualified by appropriate experience and training, and annually affirms agreement with TRACS' doctrinal statement. Any Commissioner representing an institution which ceases to be a member is no longer qualified to serve as a Commissioner as of the date on which the institution ceases to be a member.

Specific Qualifications

Institutional Representative

According to the TRACS *Bylaws* - Article 7, Section 3, Subsection C:

(Specified) members of the Commission shall be employed full-time by member institutions as executives, administrators, or faculty.

TRACS defines full-time employee as, An employee who has a full-time contract or other legal arrangement which indicates to the employee that the term of employment will only be terminated for cause or financial exigency; whose experience and education or training are related to the scope of employment; whose salary is fixed and not contingent; whose job responsibilities are specifically spelled out in a board approved job description; whose primary professional employment is with the institution; who devotes substantially all working time during the contracted period to the specified job responsibilities; and whose outside professional activities do not detract from the specified job responsibilities. The contract or other legal arrangement must include language that specifies the employee has read the institution's purpose, objectives, and philosophy and agrees with and supports them.

Faculty Representative

According to the TRACS *Bylaws* - Article 7, Section 3, Subsection B:

Two members of the Commission shall be full-time faculty members of member institutions.

TRACS defines full-time faculty as: A faculty member who has a full-time contract with the institution; whose earned degrees from accredited institutions are directly related to courses to

be taught; whose salary is fixed and not contingent; whose job responsibilities are specifically spelled out in a board approved job description; whose primary professional employment is with the institution; who devotes substantially all working time during the contracted period to the specified job responsibilities; and whose outside professional activities do not detract from the specified job responsibilities.

Colleges and universities generally include librarians as members of the faculty and some institutions consider Registrars as faculty. If an institution classifies a librarian as a full-time faculty member, TRACS can accept that as the equivalent of the definition above. Because Registrars are often viewed as administrators, they would more likely be considered Institutional Representatives on the Commission. For a Registrar to be considered the equivalent of a full-time faculty member, the institution would be required to classify the Registrar as a full-time faculty member.

Public Representative

According to the TRACS *Bylaws* - Article 7, Section 3, Subsection A:

At least three, but not more than one-third of the Commissioners shall be public representatives. A representative of the public must not be (1) An employee, member of the governing board, owner, or shareholder of, or consultant to, an institution or program that either is accredited or preaccredited by the agency or has applied for accreditation or preaccreditation; (2) A member of any trade association or membership organization related to, affiliated with, or associated with the agency; or (3) A spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in paragraph (1) or (2) of this definition.

Based on the definitions and expectations for serving as either an Institutional Representative, Faculty Representative, or Public Representative, select the appropriate designation for the nominee below. (check only one)

Institutional Representative

Name of Institution _____

Position / Title _____

Highest Earned Degree _____

Granting Institution _____

Does the nominee have any experience in Distance Education?

Yes

No

If yes, explain.

Has the nominee participated on any Evaluation Team or Focus Team Visits for TRACS?

Yes No

If yes, explain.

Faculty Representative

Name of Institution _____

Position / Title _____

Highest Earned Degree _____

Granting Institution _____

Does the nominee have any experience in Distance Education?

Yes No

If yes, explain.

Has the nominee participated on any Evaluation Team or Focus Team Visits for TRACS?

Yes No

If yes, explain.

Public Representative

Current Status Employed

Self-Employed

Retired

If employed, indicate the name of the company / organization of employment and current position / title:

Transworld Ministries, President

Highest Earned Degree D.R.E (Temple Baptist Seminary) &

Granting Institution Ph. D (Andersonville Theological Seminary)

Does the nominee have any experience in Distance Education?

Yes No

If yes, explain.

Taught some distance education courses for TKVV, Kuwait

Has the nominee participated on any Evaluation Team or Focus Team Visits for TRACS?

Yes No

If yes, explain.

Served on nealy 50 TRACS Evaluation Team Visits mainly as a Chair

Additional Documentation Required

Please include the following with your nominee submissions:

- a current résumé or curriculum vitae,
- a short biographical sketch, and
- a recent color headshot photograph.

By signing below, the nominee acknowledges that he/she satisfies the general qualifications for service as a Commissioner and meets the specific qualifications for service as specifically designated. The nominee further agrees to notify the President of TRACS and tender his/her resignation from the Commission if he/she no longer meets the general or specific qualifications for serving on the Commission.

Signature of Nominee 

Date 2/29/2024



Declaration of Doctrinal Statement Agreement

This Declaration concerns individuals who are nominees to serve as members of the TRACS Accreditation Commission and is to be completed as a part of the nomination process.

Name of Nominee P. Joseph Paturi

According to the TRACS Bylaws – Article 6, Section 2: (emphasis added)

A Commissioner shall be a person who is a born-again believer, separated from worldliness, has a reputation and Christian character which is above reproach, is in accord with the philosophy and purpose of TRACS, is qualified by appropriate experience and training, and annually affirms agreement with TRACS' doctrinal statement. Any Commissioner representing an institution which ceases to be a member is no longer qualified to serve as a Commissioner as of the date on which the institution ceases to be a member.

According to the TRACS Bylaws – Article 5, Sections 1-11:

TRACS exists to accredit Christian educational institutions that have adopted specific doctrinal positions. In the institution's Biblical Foundation Statement, the TRACS Biblical Foundations Statement is affirmed as a general model, but is not expected to be used verbatim, TRACS offers the following tenets:

Section 1: The Bible - *The unique divine, plenary, verbal inspiration and absolute authority of all sixty-six canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as originally given. The Bible is the only infallible, authoritative Word of God and is free from error of any sort, in all matters with which it deals, scientific, historical, moral, and theological.*

Section 2: The Trinity - *The triune Godhead – one eternal, transcendent, omnipotent, personal God existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Section 3: The Father - *God the Father, the first person of the Divine Trinity, is infinite Spirit – sovereign, eternal, unchangeable in all His attributes. He is worthy of honor, adoration, and obedience.*

Section 4: The Son - *The perfect, sinless humanity and the absolute, full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, indissolubly united in one divine-human person since His unique incarnation by miraculous conception and virgin birth.*

Section 5: Holy Spirit - *The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead who convicts, regenerates, indwells, seals all believers in Christ, and fills those who yield to Him. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers; however, the manifestation of any particular gift is not required for salvation.*

Section 6: Historicity - The full historicity and perspicuity of the Biblical record of primeval history, including the literal existence of Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide cataclysmic deluge, and the origin of nations and languages at the tower of Babel.

Section 7: Redemption - The substitutionary and redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sin of the world, through His literal physical death, burial and resurrection, followed by His bodily ascension into heaven.

Section 8: Salvation - Personal salvation from the eternal penalty of sin provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Christ, to be received only through personal faith in His person and work.

Section 9: Last Things - The future, personal bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth to judge and purge sin, to establish His eternal kingdom and to consummate and fulfill all His purposes in the works of creation and redemption with eternal rewards and punishments.

Section 10: Biblical Creation - Special creation of the existing space-time universe and all its basic systems and kinds of organisms occurred in the six literal days of the creation week.

Section 11: Satan - The existence of a personal, malignant being called Satan who acts as tempter and accuser, for whom the place of eternal punishment was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ shall be confined in conscious torment for eternity.

By signing below, the nominee affirms agreement with the TRACS Doctrinal Statement as presented above:

Signature of Nominee



Date

2/29/2024



Nominee Conflict of Interest Form

This Declaration concerns individuals who are nominees to serve as members of the TRACS Accreditation Commission and is to be completed as a part of the nomination process.

Name of Nominee P. Joseph Paturi

Definition: A conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to, having served for compensation during the past three years as a consultant for an institution under consideration, being a stockholder or board member of the institution, or any other association or activity, including the appearance of a conflict of interest, that an impartial person might reasonably conclude would compromise a person's capacity for objectively dealing with an issue concerning a particular institution.

In addition to the general "Conflict of Interest" definition above, the following apply specifically to individuals serving as Accreditation Commission members:

- It is a conflict of interest for a member of the Accreditation Commission to have served as a member of an Evaluation Team, Focus Team or as an Interim Fifth-Year Peer Reviewer for an institution under consideration if the review was within five years of the meeting where the institution will be considered.
- A member of the Accreditation Commission or one of its committees with a conflict of interest related to any institution or action being considered must decline an assignment as a reader, declare the conflict, and recuse himself / herself from the discussion, deliberation, and decision making regarding that institution or action under consideration.
- If it is discovered after an Accreditation Commission action that a situation involving a conflict of interest has significantly affected a Commission action, the Chair of the Accreditation Commission may place the action on the Accreditation Commission agenda for reconsideration. A member of the Accreditation Commission may be removed from the Accreditation Commission by vote of that body if he / she knowingly violates these guidelines.
- Accreditation Commission members may not solicit or accept employment, including compensated consulting, from any institution which has been considered by the Accreditation Commission for any action for one year following the action.
- When an Accreditation Commission member is employed by, an appointee of, or a consultant to a member institution which is in any way involved in litigation with TRACS or the Accreditation Commission or both, it shall be a conflict of interest for that member to attend any meeting of the Accreditation Commission or the committees of the Accreditation Commission until the litigation is concluded, including all appeals.

By signing below, the Nominee for the Accreditation Commission acknowledges understanding of what constitutes a "Conflict of Interest" and agrees to abide by the TRACS Conflict of Interest Policy in their service on the Accreditation Commission.

Signature of Nominee 

Date 2/29/2024



**Public Representative
Financial Responsibility Acknowledgement Form**

This form concerns individuals who are nominees to serve as Public Representatives on the TRACS Accreditation Commission and is to be completed by the nominee as a part of the nomination process.

Name of Nominee P. Joseph Paturi

By signing below, I affirm understanding that if selected to serve as a Public Representative on the TRACS Accreditations Commission, I will be responsible for all expenses incurred which relate directly to my attendance and service at two Accreditation Commission meetings per year for a period of three years. These expenses may include, but may not be limited to, travel, meals, and hotel accommodations. I further affirm understanding that TRACS will provide a reimbursement of up to \$2,500.00 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) to cover these expenses.

Signature of Nominee 

Date 2/29/2024

DR. P. JOSEPH PATURI

6050 Boymel Drive, Unit 1302, Fairfield, OH 45014
513-275-1190 (work) 513-942-2778 (home) 513-646-2377 (cell) 513-874-0800 (fax)
E-mail:

PURPOSE:

God gave me a special vision, passion and dedication for Christian higher education and accreditation work. So I am seeking to continue my service as a Commissioner (Public Representative) on TRACS Accreditation Commission. I have 49 years of combined experience in administration, accreditation, ministry, business, scientific research, teaching and healthcare areas. I am familiar with the TRACS Accreditation process including IERs, Accreditation Requirements, Federal Requirements, various Standards and Evaluative Criteria. I served on nearly 50 TRACS Evaluation Team Visits as a Team Member and mainly as a Chair. I also led 3 Institutional Self-study projects for TRACS Accreditation and 2 Institutional Self-study projects for the State of Ohio Reauthorization when I was serving as President of Temple Baptist College. Further, I have been serving as a Commissioner (Public Representative) on TRACS Accreditation Commission since July 2021.

PERSONAL:

Age: 70 years
Married: 41 years - Dr. Shobha Paturi (wife)
Born: India
Citizenship: United States of America

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, Andhra University, India
Master of Science, Andhra University, India
Post-Graduate in Export Marketing Management, Indian Institute of Export, India
Master of Biblical Studies, Temple Baptist Seminary, USA
Doctor of Religious Education, Temple Baptist Seminary, USA
Doctor of Philosophy, Andersonville Theological Seminary, USA
Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Bharat Bible College, India

PRESENT POSITION:

PRESIDENT, Transworld Ministries, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

Transworld Ministries is an international mission endeavor with a special focus on Christian higher education and leadership development across America and around the world.

EXPERIENCE:

49 years of combined experience in administration, accreditation, ministry, business, scientific research, teaching and healthcare areas. Served on nearly 50 TRACS Evaluation Team visits as a Team Member and mainly as a Chair. Also led 3 Institutional Self-study projects for TRACS Accreditation and 2 Institutional Self-study projects for the Ohio State Reauthorization when I was serving as President of Temple Baptist College. Further, I have been also serving as a Commissioner (Public Representative) on TRACS Accreditation Commission since July 2021.

2021 - Current: COMMISSIONER (Public Representative) on TRACS Accreditation Commission

2010 - Current: PRESIDENT, Transworld Ministries, Cincinnati, Ohio USA

1999 - 2010: PRESIDENT, Temple Baptist College, Cincinnati, Ohio USA

1992 - 1999: Academic and Ministry Positions (Cincinnati, Ohio USA)

- PROVOST, Temple Baptist College
- VICE PRESIDENT, Temple Baptist College
- PROFESSOR, Temple Baptist College
- MINISTER OF EDUCATION, Temple Baptist Church
- MINISTER OF MISSIONS, Temple Baptist Church

1985 – 1992: DIRECTOR, J & J Hotmax Group, India

1979 - 1985: TECHNICAL MANAGER, A.P. Government Fisheries Corporation, India

1975 - 1979: LECTURER, SIR C.R.R. College & TUTOR in other colleges, India

AUTHORSHIP:

- 1 Understanding John 3:16
- 2 Understanding Heaven
- 3 The Lord is My Shepherd
- 4 The Heart of Christmas
- 5 Operation Jabez
- 6 Biblical Stewardship
- 7 Basic Theology
- 8 God's Design for Marriage
- 9 Indian Baptist Heritage
- 10 Global Telugu Diaspora Christians
- 11 God's Word for the Children
- 12 A Survey of Christocentric Theme of the Bible

SPEAKER:

Frequent speaker in Churches and Christian Conferences in the USA and other countries

TRAVEL:

Traveled over 1.5 million miles and visited 66 countries for ministry and professional work

OTHER:

- Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award for lifelong commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service issued by the US President in 2023
- Proclamation by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners recognizing the contributions of Dr. Paturi to Hamilton County as a person from AANHPI Community in May 2021.
- Proclamation by the Mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA designating Joseph Paturi Week in June 2014

- Led the Ohio State Senate Session in prayer in October 2013, Columbus, Ohio, USA
- Served on Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley's Taskforce on Immigration, Ohio, USA
- Founder-President, Transworld Ministries, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
- Founder-Pastor, International Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
- Co-Founder and Co-Chancellor of Telugu Krystava Vedanta Vidyalayam, Kuwait
- Co-Founder and Vice President of Global Telugu Christian Ministries, India
- Co-Chairman of God's Word for the World, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
- Co-Founder and President of Global Grace Health, Minneapolis, MN, USA
- Served on the National Council of the Bible Society of India (largest in the world)
- International Director for 25 Christian Family Conferences held across North America
- Planted International Churches and Fellowships in USA and in India
- Birthed Bible Institutes abroad
- Visiting Faculty of Sirampore University Senate Affiliated College (BBC), India
- Recognized by WHO'S WHO Nationwide Register, USA
- Recognized by WHO'S WHO Historical Society , USA
- Recognized by United WHO'S WHO Executive & Professional Registry, USA
- Recognized by Metropolitan Executives and Professionals Registry, USA
- Recognized as a Global Telugu Christian Leader and Statesman in the Indian Diaspora World-Wide
- Board of Director of various national and international nonprofit organizations

A Short Biography of Dr. Paturi

Dr. Joseph Paturi has a special vision, passion and dedication for Christian higher education and accreditation. He has earned multidisciplinary educational credentials at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral level in different fields including Science, Business, Biblical Studies, and Christian Education. He has 49 years of combined experience in administration, accreditation, ministry, business, scientific research, teaching and healthcare areas.

He is very familiar with the TRACS Accreditation process including IERs, Accreditation Requirements, Federal Requirements, various Standards and Evaluative Criteria. He served on nearly 50 TRACS Evaluation Team Visits as a Team Member and mainly as a Chair. He led 3 Institutional Self-study projects for TRACS Accreditation and 2 Institutional Self-study projects for the Ohio State Reauthorization when he was serving as President of Temple Baptist College. Currently he is serving as President of Transworld Ministries which is an international mission endeavor with a special focus on Christian higher education and leadership development across America and around the world. Further, he has been also serving as a Commissioner (Public Representative) on TRACS Accreditation Commission since 2021

He is a frequent speaker in Churches, Conferences, and Conventions across America and around the world. He traveled over 1.5 million miles and visited 66 countries for ministry and professional work. He serves as a director on the boards of several national and international non-profit organizations. He is an author as well. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife Dr. Shobha.